

Capital Region

Virginia Archaeology Month 2006



Daily Events in October

Preview in September

STATE FAIR of VIRGINIA Richmond Raceway Complex



NATURAL RESOURCES CENTER

Thursday, September 28 through Sunday, October 26
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Department of Historic Resources and the Archeological Society of Virginia will present *Down to the River in Boats*, a display focusing on the many riverine resources used by Virginia's Indians. Experience a replica log canoe. Learn how these early residents exploited aquatic animals and plants and what other activities took place along the waterways and shores.

September 30–October 6 **Lynchburg**
Workshop: **PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY—**
Teaching sessions in various primitive
crafts, such as flint-knapping, Bow-
making, pottery, basketry, fiber/stone
axe making, etc.
Sponsor: Clifside Workshops
Location: 2 Fredonia Avenue
Time: 8 a.m.–4 p.m., and evenings
Contact: (434) 528-3444
Fee: \$620/week or \$75/day, inquire and
register, but visitors are welcome

Field Work Opportunity

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY and TESTING at MAYCOCK'S POINT

Garysville, Virginia
Prince George's County

October 2–6, 2006

Sponsors: Virginia Department of Historic Resources
Archeological Society of Virginia
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Maycock's Point Site (44PG40): A shovel test regime plus test excavation units will be executed at Maycock's Point, exploring Middle and possibly Late-Woodland components.

- **Hands-On Participation:** send an email to Michael.Barber@dhr.virginia.gov or Dec.Deroche@dhr.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-2323 Ext. 134. Indicate day(s) and length of time available.
- **Sign-Up Sheet:** posted in the DHR Study Collection Room, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

www.dhr.virginia.gov

Thursday, October 5

Hopewell

Lectures: ***The FIRST VIRGINIANS: RETRACING the PAST at MAYCOCK'S POINT—***
Overview Of The Ongoing Maycock's
Point Preservation Shore Investigations.
Presented by: Dr. Michael Barber,
State Archaeologist; Dr. Antony
Opperman, Virginia Department of
Transportation, and Cyrus Barne, U.S.
Fish & Wildlife Service. (All events to
take place at Flowerdew Hundred)

Sponsor: Flowerdew Hundred Museum
Location: 1617 Flowerdew Hundred Road,
Time: 9–11 a.m.
Contact: (804) 541-8897. Call for directions
Web: www.flowerdew.org

Wednesday, October 18 **Hopewell**

Lecture: **SERVING the PLANTATION HOUSE: Archaeological and Historical Research of the Dependencies at Weston Manor—Will Moore of the William & Mary Center for Archaeological Research Center will present results of recent investigations at Weston Manor, an outstanding example of a five-bay Late-Georgian plantation house.**

Sponsor: Historic Hopewell Foundation (Weston Manor) and the William & Mary Center for Archaeological Research

Location: Weston Lane & 21st Avenue

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Contact: (804) 458-4682

Web: www.historichopewell.org/index.html

Friday & Saturday, October 20-21 **Charlottesville**

Open House: **MONTICELLO ARCHAEOLOGY LAB OPEN HOUSE & PLANTATION LANDSCAPE WALKING TOUR—Walking tours guided by Fraser Neiman, Director of Archaeology; Sara Bon-Harper, Archaeological Research Manager; Derek Wheeler, Research Archaeologist. Lab open house led by Karen Smith, Curator of Archaeological Collections**

Sponsor: Monticello, The Home of Thomas Jefferson

Location: Monticello's Archaeology Lab, Route 53

Time: Lab open to the public 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Walking tours at: 11 a.m.; 1 and 3 p.m.

Contact: (434) 984-9871

Web: www.monticello.org

Ongoing Events

Monday thru Thursdays in October **Fort Lee**

Exhibits: **FORT LEE CELEBRATES ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH—Exhibits spanning the archaeological history of Fort Lee will be on view.**

Sponsor: Fort Lee Environmental Management Office

Location: Regional Archaeological Curation Facility Fort Lee, Building 5222

Time: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.–4 p.m.

Contact: (804) 734-4434/4436 Call for directions or go to the Web site below.

Web: www.lee.army.mil/dpw/curation.htm

2005 ANNUAL MEETING

Archeological Society of Virginia
October 27–29, 2006



Holiday Inn, Select
10800 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, Virginia
(804) 379-3800

- Oct 27 **Registration Friday—Starts at 4 p.m.**
Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA)
Annual Meeting 7 p.m.
- Oct 28 **Program Lectures Saturday, 8 a.m. thru the Afternoon**
Archeological Society of Virginia Banquet
Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Michael Barber,
Virginia State Archaeologist will present *The Future of Virginia Archaeology: 2007 and Beyond.*
- Oct. 29 **ASV Session. Sunday, Lectures start at 8 a.m.**
Presentations on prehistoric and historical archaeology.

For registration information contact:
Royce McNeal rmcneal@graypape.com
ASV Web site: www.asv-archeology.org

Monday thru Friday in October **Hopewell**

Working Site: **ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS at CITY POINT, PETERSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD—Overview of ongoing excavation associated with an early to mid-17th-Century colonial living area and stabilization of an area where artifacts are eroding out of a bluff nearby. To visit the site and observe the archaeologists at work, call the number below in advance to arrange for Park staff to be available to answer questions.**

Sponsor: William & Mary Center for Archaeological Research and the National Park Service

Location: City Point Unit of the Petersburg National Battlefield
1001 Pecan Avenue

Time: Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m.–5 p.m.

Contact: (804) 458-9504—Museum at Grant's Headquarters, call ahead.

Web: www.nps.gov/pete/pphtml/facilities.html

Permanent Exhibit **Richmond**
 Exhibition: ***SOLVING HISTORY'S MYSTERIES: THE HISTORY DISCOVERY LAB***—An interactive exhibit created by the Department of Historic Resources, located at the Virginia Historical Society's Center for Virginia History. Visit the *History Underground*, *History Underwater* and *History in the Lab* areas to see how we learn about archaeology in Virginia.

Sponsor: Department of Historic Resources
 Location: Boulevard and Kensington Avenue, VHS Entrance—parking from Kensington Avenue.
 Time: Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Sunday, 1–5 p.m.
 Fee: Adults \$5; Seniors \$4; Students and Children \$3, Free for Members
 Contact: (804) 358–4901

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

FIRST PEOPLE: The Early Indians of Virginia, by Keith Egloff and Deborah Woodward The new edition will be available in October, 2006. To order a copy from the University of Virginia Press go to: www.upress.virginia.edu/newandforth.html

ARK—The Virginia Indian Archaeological Resource Kit. This ARK contains books, drawings, videos, replicas, and a computer game that will give students a variety of ways to explore archaeology and the Indians of Virginia. The kit circulates on temporary loan at no cost. Contact Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

RESOURCES for TEACHERS & STUDENTS

AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES— Museums, teachers, and educational organizations may check out ARK kits at no cost by calling Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

ARK—The African American Archaeological Resource Kit. This new kit of resource materials for teachers was produced by the Education Committee of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists. It contains artifacts, artifact identification flash cards, maps and site plans, a card game based on foodways, and explanatory material on each of three sites.

AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
www.dhr.virginia.gov/arch_DHR/archaeo_teach.htm

Teachers! Now available online—the Teacher Guide and Activity Book to *Solving History's Mysteries: The History Discovery Lab*. The exhibition and the guide use archaeological sites and historic places to illustrate the processes of discovering the tangible evidence of our past. To get your free copy call Dee DeRoche (367) 2323 Ext. 134.

Lesson plans using archaeology These lesson plans, for elementary and middle school students, are tied to appropriate Standards of Learning and were developed in association with the *Becoming a Homeplace* section of the Virginia Historical Society's major exhibition, *The Story of Virginia*. Plans are posted on the VHS site, link available from the above DHR site address.